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SUBJECT: US/JAPAN GIFA NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE THIRD SESSION OF THE US/JAPAN GIFA NEGOTIATIONS
COMMENCED MONDAY AFTERNOON IN A CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE AND
WITH A REALIZATION OF BOTH DELEGATIONS THAT AGREEMENT OR
NEAR AGREEMENT MUST BE REACHED THIS SESSION FOR JAPAN TO
BE ABLE TO FISH IN THE US 200 MILE ZONE FOLLOWING MARCH 1,
1977.

2. AMBASSADOR RIDGWAYVIEWED EVENTS OF THE TWO PREVIOUS
MEETINGS. ASAO THEN FORMALLY PRESENTED TO THE USDEL DRAFT
INTERIM AND LONG-TERM GIFAS PREPARED BY THE GOJ BUT ADDED
THAT FINAL APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH THIS APPROACH HAD NOT
YET BEEN MADE IN THE GOJ. THIS WILL BE DONE FOLLOWING
FORMATION OF A NEW CABINET. AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY INFORMED
THE GOJ DEL THAT THERE IS NOW DEVELOPING A BODY OF UNDER-
STANDING I4 THE US FOR THE KIND OF APPROACH BEING TAKEN IN
DEVELOPMENT OF THE JAPAN GIFA.

3. ASAO EXPLAINED WHY THE GOJ HAD SELECTED THE TECHNICAL
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APPROACH IN DEVELOPING THE DRAFT INTERIM AGREEMENT WHICH

WOULD CONTAIN QUOTAS AND THE TIME AND AREA OF FISHING FOR 1977. HE FURTHER STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE JAPAN DEL IS PREPARED TO EXAMINE OTHER TYPES OF APPROACHES CONCERNING THE FORMAT OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. THE USDEL EXPLAINED ITS PREFERENCE FOR A MUCH SHORTER STATEMENT AND OFFERED TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE FOR EXAMINATION BY THE JAPAN DEL.

4. THE JAPAN DEL EXPLAINED EACH ARTICLE OF THE DRAFT LONG-TERM AGREEMENT WHICH, EXCEPT FOR ARTICLES ON ANADROMOUS SPECIES, MARINE MAMMALS AND ADDITION OF BILLFISH AND OCEANIC SHARKS TO THE DEFINITION OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES, IS CONSISTENT FOR THE MOST PART WITH THE MODEL GIFA DEVELOPED AS A GUIDE FOR ALL COUNTRIES BY THE USG. THE USDEL IDENTIFIED THE ANADROMOUS SPECIES AND MARINE MAMMAL ARTICLES AND DEFINITION OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES AS HARD CORE ISSUES THAT MUST BE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL.

5. THE APPROACH OF DEVELOPING BOTH AN INTERIM AND LONG-TERM AGREEMENT REMAINS SENSITIVE AND DISCLOSURE MUST CONTINUE TO BE AVOIDED.

6. COMMENT. CONSENSUS OF THE USDEL IS THAT MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE SINCE THE NOVEMBER MEETING ESPECIALLY IN DEVELOPMENT OF THE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT. THE USDEL HAS LITTLE FLEXIBILITY ON THE HARD CORE ISSUES. CONCERNING THE MARINE MAMMAL ARTICLE, THE USDEL WILL MAINTAIN ITS POSITION WHICH WILL PREVENT WHALING FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES BY JAPAN WITHIN THE 200 MILE ZONE. THIS WILL BE A SEVERE BLOW TO THE JAPAN WHALING INDUSTRY. NEW LANGUAGE WILL BE DEVELOPED FOR THE ANADROMOUS ARTICLE. BILLFISH AND OCEANIC SHARKS MUST BE DELETED FROM DEFINITION OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES. THE APPARENT FLEXIBILITY CONCERNING THE INTERIM AGREEMENT SUGGESTS THAT THE GOJ MAY BE RESPONSIVE TO THE USDEL DESIRE FOR A MUCH SHORTER STATEMENT GOVERNING FISHING IN 1977. KISSINGER

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